

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 11454

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJECT: MAO TIPS TENG HSIAO-PING AS CHOU'S SUCCESSOR

1. ACCORDING TO A STORY GOING AROUND HERE, GABON'S PRESIDENT BONGO, OR A MEMBER OF HIS PARTY, CLAIMS THAT MAO HAS REFERRED TO TENG HSIAO-PING AS PREMIER CHOU'S SUCCESSOR. WE HAVE ONLY A THIRD HAND ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME, BUT THE STORY IS THAT DURING MAO'S MEETING WITH BONGO OCTOBER 5 FRANCE WAS IN SOME WAY MENTIONED AND MAO, TURNING AND POINTING TO TENG SAID, " HE IS CHOU'S SUCCESS AND HE, TOO, IS PRO-FRENCH."

2. WE HOPE IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO TRACK DOWN AND CLARIFY STORY, AS IT ORIGINATES HERE, AND WILL REPORT FURTHER.  
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